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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE'S OCTOBER VISIT TO
EUROPE

REF: (A) STATE 221813 (B) STATE 226988

1. EMBASSY HAS TRANSMITTED GOVERNOR WALLACE'S REQUEST FOR MEETINGS WITH TOP FRENCH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON OCTOBER 23 AS OUTLINED REFTEL (A). REQUEST SUBMITTED THROUGH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES.

2. ANGLO-AMERICAN PRESS CLUB, WHICH INCLUDES AMERICAN, BRITISH AND FRENCH CORRESPONDENTS FOR U.S. AND UK MEDIA, HAS HEARD ABOUT GOVERNOR WALLACE'S PLAN TO VISIT PARIS, AND CORDIALLY INVITES HIM TO LUNCH OCTOBER 23. GOVERNOR WOULD BE EXPECTED TO MAKE BRIEF REMARKS FOLLOWED BY QUESTION AND ANSWERS. REMARKS AND QUESTIONS WOULD BE ON THE RECORD. ANGLO-AMERICAN PRESS CLUB LUNCH WOULD RE-
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PLACE LUNCH PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED FOR EITHER AMERICAN CLUB OR AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. CHAMBER IS HOLDING ITS ANNUAL FALL LUNCHEON ON OCTOBER 23 AND AMERICAN CLUB HAD PREVIOUSLY AGREED NOT TO SPONSOR ANY LUNCHEON THAT DAY.

EMBASSY FEELS PROPOSED ANGLO-AMERICAN PRESS LUNCHEON
WOULD PROVIDE GOVERNOR WITH GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR TRANS-
ATLANTIC MEDIA EXPOSURE AND RECOMMENDS HE ACCEPT.
PLEASE ADVISE.

3. EMBASSY HAS ALSO HAD REQUEST SIMILAR TO THOSE RE-
CEIVED BY EMBASSIES BONN AND ROME. PENNINGTON HAS SUP-
PLIED EMBASSY WITH LIST OF FRENCH INDUSTRIALISTS WHO ARE
INTERESTED OR POTENTIALLY INTERESTED IN DIRECT INVESTMENT
IN THE U.S. PENNINGTON HAS ASKED THAT EMBASSY ISSUE
TELEPHONE INVITATIONS TO EACH COMPANY "ON BEHALF OF
GOVERNOR WALLACE" AND TO SUPPLEMENT THE LIST TO THE
DEGREE NECESSARY. PENNINGTON STATES IN LETTER THAT
MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 24 RPT 24 AT 1500 HOURS.
WE NOTE THAT GOVERNOR WALLACE'S SCHEDULE INDICATES HE
PLANS TO DEPART PARIS FOR EDINBURGH THE MORNING OF
OCTOBER 24; FURTHERMORE, AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 23 IS TO
BE DEVOTED TO CALLS ON FRENCH OFFICIALS. EMBASSY HAS
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